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1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE EMBASSY'S INTEGRATED ASSESSMENT OF
SECURITY ASSISTANCE, WITH RESPONSES KEYED TO PARAGRAPH NUMBERS
IN REFERENCE A.

2. PARA 3A(1): US INTERESTS TO BE SERVED: THE NETHERLANDS,
A HIGHLY INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRY, IS LOCATED ASTRIDE THE
TRADITIONAL MILITARY INVASION ROUTE ACROSS NORTHERN
EUROPE. THE EXTENSIVE HIGHWAY, RAIL, AIR, CANAL SYSTEM, AND
PORT FACILITIES OF THE NETHERLANDS, COMBINED WITH ONE OF THE
BEST INTEGRATED TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS IN WESTERN
EUROPE, ARE OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE IN NATO'S LINE OF COM-

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CUNICATION (LOC). THE ARMED FORCES, ECONOMY, AND
INDUSTRIAL CAPACITY ARE SIGNIFICANT FOR THE ALLIANCE.
SECURITY ASSISTANCE OBJECTIVES ARE AS FOLLOWS:
A. MAXIMIZE, WHWREEVER POSSIBLE, NETHERLANDS DEFENSE
SPENDING IN NATO RELATED AREAS WHICH ENHANCE INTEROPERA-
BILITY, STANDARDIZATION, AND RATIONALIZATION.
B. ENCOURAGE ACQUISITION OF SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT, AND WAR

RESERVE STOCKS TO MEET NATO/ACE PRESCRIBED LEVELS.

C. ENCOURAGE ATTAINMENT OF ACE FORCE PROPOSALS AND NATO FORCE GOALS.

D. ENCOURAGE THE NETHERLANDS TO JOIN IN COOPERATIVE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AND MILITARY COPRODUCTION PROGRAMS WITH THE US AND OTHER NATO COUNTRIES.

E. SUPPORT TOTAL FORCE MODERNIZATION OF THE NETHERLANDS ARMED FORCES.

3. PARA 3A(2): THE MILITARY THREAT TO THE NETHERLANDS IS RELATED TO THE OVERALL THREAT TO CENTRAL EUROPE. IN A CONFLICT, THE SOVIETS WOULD AIM RAPIDLY TO DESTROY NATO'S MILITARY POWER AND TO OVERRUN THE REGION IN ORDER TO DENY A REINFORCEMENT CAPABILITY TO NATO. THE NORTHERN FRONT IN THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN REGION WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTAINING THE MAIN OFFENSIVE THROUST IN THIS REGION. SOVIET OBJECTIVES IN THE NETHERLANDS WOULD BE THE DESTRUCTION OF NATO GROUND AND AIR FORCES AFTER, OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH, A SIMILAR MISSION IN WEST GERMANY. WARSAW PACT AIR OPERATIONS WOULD CONSIST OF WAVES OF FIGHTERS AND FIGHTER BOMBERS ATTEMPTING TO CLEAR CORRIDORS THROUGH FORWARD NATO AIR DEFENSES TO PROVIDE AN APPROACH FOR BOMBERS TO ATTACH NUCLEAR CAPABLE AIRFIELDS, COMMAND AND CONTROL CENTERS, AND IMPORTANT TRANSPORTATION/LOGISTICAL FACILITIES IN THE NETHERLANDS. THE SOVIETS WOULD PROBABLY CONDUCT COCERT MINING OF DUTCH SEAPORTS TO PRECLUDE NATO USE FOR RESUPPLY
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AND REINFORCEMENTS UNTIL THE PORTS COULD BE SEIZED. THE DUTCH ARMED FORCES SEE THE SOVIET UNION, TOGETHER WITH ITS WARSAW PACT ALLIES, AS THE MAJOR THREAT TO WESTERN EUROPE, AND RECOGNIZE THAT THEIR STRATEGIC GEOGRAPHIC POSITION AND THEIR INDUSTRIAL AND TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES IN THE REAR ESCHELON OF NATO'S CENTRAL REGION MAKE THEIR COUNTRY A MAJOR TARGET IN ANY CONFLICT. AS ONE OF THE SMALLER WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, THE NETHERLANDS CONSIDERS NATO TO BE THE GUARANTEE OF ITS SOVEREIGNTY. IT ALSO FEELS STRONGLY THAT ONLY THROUGH CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES CAN A FORMIDABLE DEFENSE PROGRAM BE MAINTAINED. ALTHOUGH THE STRENGTH OF NATO EXISTS TO DETER THE WARSAW PACT FROM PROVOKING A CRISIS, THE DUTCH MILITARY PERCEIVES THAT ONCE A CONFLICT HAS DEVELOPED, THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF ITS ARMED FORCE IS TO PROTECT DUTCH TERRITORY, WHICH WILL SERVE AS A MAJOR BASE FOR THE US FLOW OF REINFORCEMENTS AND SUPPLIES.

4. PARA 3A(E): THE MISSION'S PERCEPTION OF THE THREAT DOES NOT DIFFER FROM THAT GIVEN IN THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH.

5. PARA 3A(4): (A) ROYAL NETHERLANDS ARMY: THE TASKS

OF THE FIRST ARMY CORPS ARE PERFORMED IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH UNITS OF THE OTHER ALLIES INVOLVED IN THE DEFENSE OF THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN SECTOR. ON THE BASIS OF A THOROUGH ANALYSIS OF THE THEATER OF OPERATIONS AND THE POSSIBLE RELATIVE STRENGTH, IT HAS BEEN CONCLUDED THAT, FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRESENT STRATEGY, THE TOTAL COMBAT CAPABILITY OF THE CORPS NEEDS TO BE ORGANIZED IN 10 BRIGADES, OF WHICH 9 MUST BE MECHANIZED.

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(B) ROYAL NETHERLANDS NAVY: FOR FULFILLMENT OF THE NATO ASSIGNED TASKS, THE FOLLOWING COMPOSITION OF THE ROYAL NETHERLANDS NAVY IS CONSIDERED OPTIMAL BY THE GON. THEY BELIEVE THIS TRENGTH IS THE BEST POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTION TO ALLIED DEFENSE, BEING IN HARMONY WITH NATO PLANS AND RELISTIC IN LIGHT OF NATIONAL POSSIBILITIES:

1. TWO TASK GROUPS FOR THE EASTERN ATLANTIC OCEAN AND ONE TASK GROUP FOR THE CHANNEL, EACH CONSISTING OF A GUIDED-MISSILE FRIGATE WHICH PROVIDES COMMAND FACILITIES AND MEDIUM-RANGE AIR DEFENSE, SIX FRIGATES WITH EFFECTIVE ANTI-SUBMARINE AND SURFACE ACTION CAPABILITY, AND A COMBAT SUPPORT SHIP.
2. ONE TASK GROUP FOR TH NORTH SEA, COMPRISING FOUR FRIGATES OF THE SAME CONFIGUARTION AS THOSE MENTIONED FOR THE ABOVE TASK GROUPS.
3. SIX SUBMARINES WITH CONVENTIONAL PROPULSION.

R. TWENTY-ONE LONG-RANGE MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT.
5. THIRTY-SIX HELICOPTERS FOR THE SHIPS AND THE
SHORE BASED SQUADRON.

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6. TWO GROUPS OF MINE COUNTERMEASURES VESSELS, EACH
CONSISTING OF 12 SHIPS, AND ONE GROUP OF MINE COUNTER-
MEASURES VESSELS CONSISTING OF 7 SHIPS.
7. ONE MARINE CORPS INCLUDING AMPHIBIOUS COMBAT
GROUPS AND A MOUNTAIN AND ARCTIC WARFARE COMPANY, OPERA-
TIONALLY INTEGRATED WITH THE BRITISH ROYAL MARINES.
8. THREE HYDROGRAPHIC AND OCEANOGRAPHIC VESSELS.
(C) ROYAL NETHERLANDS AIR FORCE: THE PRESENT STRATEGY
REQUIRES A ROYAL NETHERLANDS AIR FORCE CONTRIBUTION TO A
NUCLEAR DETERRENT. TWO F-104G SQUADRONS MEET THIS REQUIRE-
MENT. ALL FIVE F-104G SQUADRONS WILL SOON BE REPLACED WITH
F-16 AIRCRAFT. CURRENTLY, THE F-104G SQUADRONS AND FOUR
NF-5 SQUADRONS MAKE UP THE TACTICAL AIR COMMAND'S STRIKE"
ATTACK" AIR DEFENSE CAPABILITY. THE LOGISTICS AND TRAINING
COMMAND IS COMPOSED OF F-27 TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT. AIR FORCE
UNITS EQUIPPED WITH EARLY WARNING RADAR, HAWK MISSILES, AND
MODERN GUN SYSTEMS PROVIDE BACK UP AIR DEFENSE FOR ASSIGNED
INTERCEPTOR AIRCRAFT.

6. PARA 3A(5): IT IS OUR ASSESSMENT THAT THE FORCES
DESCRIBED ABOVE PROVIDE A MEANINGFUL CONTRIBUTION TO
ALLIANCE GOALS AND THUS TO US INTERESTS. THE NETHERLANDS
ARMED FORCES ARE BEING MODERNIZED WITH CURRENT
STATE-OF-THE-ART MILITARY HARDWARE. ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL
ARE OF HIGH QUALITY. THEY ARE TECHNICALLY WELL TRAINED
AND COMPETENT IN STANDARD COMBAT TECHNIQUES AND DOCTRINE.
THEY ARE CAPABLE OF EMPLOYING A VARIETY OF TACTICAL GROUND,
AIR, AND NAVAL WEAPONS IN SUPPORT OF COMMON US, NL, AND
NATO OBJECTIVES.

7. PARA 3A(6): MILITARY IMPORTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL
IMPORT VOLUME CANNOT BE SPECIFICALLY DEFINED. MAJOR MILITARY
PURCHASES OUTSIDE THE NETHERLANDS USUALLY REQUIRE

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SOME ECONOMIC COMPENSATION, IN CASES UP TO 50 PERCENT
OF THE PURCHASING PRICE. THERE IS NO FOREIGN EXCHANGE
OR DEBT SERVICING PROBLEM BECAUSE OF THE LOW LEVEL OF
EXTERNAL DEBT AND STRONG BALANCE OF PAYMENTS POSITIONS.

CY -78 GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT 280,000

TOTAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET 96,200
DEFENSE BUDGET 9,515
AS PERCENT OF GNP 3.4
AS PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET 9.9
FIGURES IN MILLIONS OF GUILDERS
(2.21 GUILDERS EQUAL \$1:00)

8. PARA 3A(7): THE PROJECTED FY 80-84 MSAP WAS SUBMITTED IN REFERENCE D.

9. PARA 3A(11): THE PROPOSED SALES HAVE NO RELATIONSHIP TO US HUMAN RIGHTS POLICIES AND PROGRAMS. THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT, THE PARLIAMENTARY OPPOSITION, AND THE GENERAL POPULATION SUPPORT US HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAMS, BUT THAT SUPPORT IS UNRELATED TO, AND WOULD BE UNAFFECTED BY, SALES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT. THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY THAT THE ITEMS IN THE PROPOSED SALES WOULD BE USED FOR PURPOSES CONTRARY TO US HUMAN RIGHTS POLICIES.

10. PARA 3A(13)(F): ODC MANNING REQUIRED IN SUPPORT OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE IS AS FOLLOWS:

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